

## REV. COLE TELLS OF BANDIT CATCH

Cheyenne, Wyo., where he was a witness who holds up 160 Park Tourists.

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Minister Makes Close Scrutiny of Holdup Artist While He Is Operating.

How the bandit of the Yellowstone park holdup, the most daring robbery that was ever committed in this country in the opinion of old government detectives, was run down, captured and convicted, is an absorbingly interesting story as told by Dr. Frank Cole, pastor of St. John's M. E. church, Davenport, who has returned from Cheyenne, Mont., where he was a witness at the trial.

On July 29, 1914, Rev. Cole and his son, Russell, were traveling through Yellowstone park with a party of 160 tourists. As the long line of coaches drew up over a steep rise and rounded a sharp turn in the road at Shoshone point, a lone bandit with a revolver in either hand and a black handkerchief over his chin as his only mask stepped out and held up one coach after another.

Dr. Cole with the rest was compelled to dismount from the coach, throw his purse on the ground and stand in line "hands-up" against the steep cliff bordering the road. However, impressed with the daring of the crime, he was all the time making a close scrutiny of the bandit and taking mental notes of his physical characteristics.

He noticed that the bandit had blue eyes, a sharp pointed nose, that he was about five feet seven inches in height, that his right shoulder was lower than the left, that he moved about as a man in the neighborhood of 35 or 40 years of age and that his arms must be somewhat stiffened as he never raised them more than shoulder high.

**Positive Identification.**  
When Dr. Cole with 13 others was called to Cheyenne 10 days ago to be witnesses at the trial of Ed B. Trafton, the suspected arrested by government detectives, he was able to positively identify him as the bandit who had committed the holdup over a year ago. Eleven of the 13 victims of the holdup swore to the identification. At the conclusion of a two-days' trial Trafton was found guilty. His sentence has not yet been fixed by the judge.

The chain of circumstantial evidence worked out by government detectives is the highly interesting part of the story. They began when Trafton was working on a government dam a few weeks preceding the holdup. This was at Jackson's lake south of the Yellowstone park. Trafton quit his job. On July 22 a man named W. Spaulding, going into the park

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## AT WORK DRAWING UP COTTON CLAIMS BILL



Congressman John T. Watkins.

Congressman John T. Watkins of Louisiana is chairman of the house committee on revision of laws and about the biggest job he will have this session is to have stricken from the cotton claims law the clause that provides that the claimant in order to collect for losses during and after the Civil war must be able to prove his loyalty to the United States. The Watkins bill died in the senate last session. It will be reintroduced.

with a party of hunters, lost two horses. He trailed them and was able to decide that they had not strayed but had been stolen.

**Robs Sheep Herder.**  
On the 25th a lone Mexican sheep herder was about to close his cabin several miles north of the place where Spaulding's horses had been stolen. A man with two horses came up and asked for lodging. The next morning the stranger took out his Winchester and compelled the Mexican to give him two saddles, some elk meat and some condensed cream. The Mexican identified Trafton as the bandit.

On July 29 the robbery took place. Forty minutes later a soldier from Old Faithful post ran across the trail of a man with two horses and followed it from the scene of the robbery to a point nine miles distant where he lost it in the darkness. There the next day a government scout took up the trail and followed it to the scene of a night's camp, where he found scraps of elk meat and empty condensed cream cans of the same brand the Mexican had lost. The government detective measured the horse hoof prints and the distance of the stride.

**Followed Into Idaho.**  
The trail was followed to Driggs, Idaho, where a sister-in-law of Trafton, Mrs. Edwin Seymour lives. Trafton had gone down town and bought him a new suit of clothes.

The postmaster at Driggs testified that Trafton had sent \$50 in a registered letter to his wife in Denver. Trafton arrived at Driggs on July 31. He left two horses there and went to Denver where he held up a man and took away his automobile. This man also identified him. He then drove back to Driggs where he left the machine and took the two horses away. He sold these horses at a public sale. The man who purchased them identified Trafton as the seller. The government agents traced the horses, measured the prints and the stride and found these were identical to the prints in Yellowstone park leading from the scene of the robbery.

It was this chain of evidence that resulted in Trafton's arrest. Miss Elba A. Slater of Fairfield, Iowa, another of the holdup victims, showed a photograph of the bandit which she had managed to take during the holdup. It also aided in the identification. I. W. Walker of Council Bluffs and Mrs. C. E. Cunningham of Twin Bridges, Mont., a sister of Rev. Cole, were among the witnesses.

## Eternal

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, at a meeting yesterday named the following officers for the year:

Past President—Mrs. Minnie Nelson.  
President—Mrs. Jennie L. Swisher.  
Vice President—Mrs. Eleanor Braithwaite.

Secretary—Mrs. Effie Chalk.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Carrie Palmgren.  
Conductress—Mrs. Mary E. Hman.  
Warden—Mrs. Alice Kendrick.  
Chaplain—Mrs. Alice Erwin.  
Inside guard—Mrs. Emma Stoeber.  
Outside Guard—Mrs. Anna Matthews.

Delegate to National Convention at Detroit—Mrs. Jennie L. Swisher.

Officers for the year are to be elected.

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W. H. Lamont will go to Sterling Friday to attend the 19th district convention of the Knights of Pythias, as a delegate from St. Paul lodge of this city. It is expected 200 delegates will be in attendance, including state officers. Moline, Milan and other towns in the county having lodges, will send representatives.

E. A. Barnett was named excellent high priest at the annual convocation of Rock Island chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, last evening at Masonic temple. He succeeds C. A. Hallgren, who during his incumbency, has received 106 into the chapter, which is

more than double the record for any previous year in the chapter's history. The rest of the officers named were: King—S. R. Davis. Scribe—L. O. Swanson. Treasurer—Presley G. Greenawalt. Secretary—L. C. Daugherty. Member Masonic temple association—C. W. Thacher.

Other officers are appointed. Installation will occur at the next regular meeting, Jan. 4. Next Thursday evening 16 candidates will be given the most excellent degree.

Island City lodge No. 11, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, elected the following officers at a meeting held last night at the hall on Thirty-first street: President—R. P. Smith. Past president—J. D. Kendrick. Vice president—S. H. Springate. Secretary—H. A. Palmgren. Treasurer—R. W. Swisher. Journal agent—E. M. Black. Conductor—E. W. Lyke. Warden—John Davis. Chaplain—S. M. Black. Inside guard—O. P. Beals. Outside guard—J. A. Hogan. Delegate to the national convention at Detroit—R. M. Swisher.

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With eager anticipation the Moline Billikins-iremen, stationed at the central station, are looking forward to Thursday evening, when the Billikins and their more fortunate friends are to enjoy a prairie chicken banquet. It is expected that at least 150 will make up the brilliant assembly, the banquet to take place in the Billikin club rooms down town.

Where the prairie chickens came from has not been announced. There were rumors, however, that the Billikins are planning to pull a nature fake. In responsible circles, however, it was stated that the name and standing of the club is such as to insure everything as guaranteed, especially as a Billikin has never yet been known to fail in diagnosing chicken.

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